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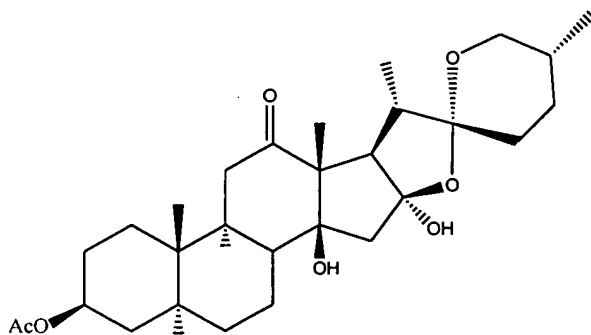
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**Election of Invention in Response
to Restriction Requirement**

In response to the Examiner's correspondence dated September 29, 2005, pursuant to the Examiner's restriction requirement in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of group II, namely claims 1-10, 12, 16, 17, 22, 23, 25-28 and 30 which are drawn to processes for the preparation of a hydrocarbon by catalytically and chemospecifically oxidizing the hydrocarbon at a tertiary carbon to form a hemiacetal as variously classified in class 549. Applicants also provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute a species as set forth below. Claims 1-9, 12, 22 and 26 (amended to 5, 6 spiroketal dependent on claim 22) are readable thereon.



Restriction Requirement
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